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The proposed settlement is a bad idea. It neither alleviates the illegal advantage already obtained by Microsoft nor does it prevent the continuing attempts to extend the Microsoft monopoly into online services, personal digital recorders, cable television and other areas. It allows technological progress to continue to be impeded by entrenched corporate interests at the expense of consumers.

The company's behavior has not changed and it continues to hold back the pace of innovation in the computer industry. I am a 20+ year veteran of that industry and regard the proposed settlement as the most cynical sort of obfuscation and corruption.

Please do not allow this abuse to continue.

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